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RE: Completion of Ambient Air Monitoring in the Neighborhoods Surrounding the Denka  
Performance Elastomer Facility in LaPlace, LA

Dear Dr. Brown:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) thanks you and your staff for your support during our ambient air monitoring program in the neighborhoods surrounding the Denka Performance Elastomer facility (Denka) in LaPlace, LA over the past four years. During this time, we have collected frequent samples to monitor the concentrations of chloroprene in the ambient air.

We are completing the Initial Phase of the SPod monitoring program in mid-August 2020. The Initial Phase has included calibration of the instruments, collection and processing of data to assess the sampling equipment performance, and development of VOC trigger concentrations and averaging period for canister samples at each of the six locations. The Operational Phase for the SPods will begin with completion of the Initial Phase and chloroprene data from the SPod monitoring program will be posted publicly at [ HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/la/denka-air-monitoring-data-summary>" ]

**(b)(5) Deliberative Process**

Sincerely,

Ken McQueen  
Regional Administrator

